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From: Menger, Eric [mailto:EMenger@covb.org]
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2001 5:58 PM
To: 'senateredistricting@leg.state.fl.us';
'floridaredistricting@leg.state.fl.us'
Cc: Brian Chase (E-mail); Brendan Curry (E-mail)
Subject: Redistricting

The Honorable Daniel Webster
The Florida Senate
Chairman, Redistricting Committee
316 Senate Office Building
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

The Honorable Johnnie Byrd
The Florida House of Representatives
Chairman, Procedural & Redistricting Council
418 The Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1300

Dear Chairmen Webster and Byrd,

As airport director for the City of Vero Beach, Indian River County, Florida, and as a citizen of Indian River County, I urge you to retain all of Indian River County inside the congressional district of U.S. Representative Dave Weldon. Congressman Weldon has served the constituents of Indian River County extremely well since 1994, and he has worked especially hard on issues related to safety and security at our airport.

It is important to maintain continuity as we continue our efforts toward improving security and safety at the airports in District 15. Representative Weldon is keenly aware of the issues we face at Vero Beach Airport, and we have developed a strong working relationship with his office. We are now working on several important airport projects that depend on strong representation in Washington by someone who knows the area.

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To ensure that our community continues to receive the best representation in Washington, I strongly urge that you not allow any of Indian River County to be removed from Congressional District 15. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ericson W. Menger
Airport Director

cc: Senator Jack Latvala
Representative Mario Diaz-Balart
Senator Bill Posey
Representative Stan Mayfield

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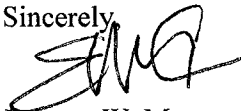
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City of Vero Beach

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December 20, 2001

Senator Daniel Webster
Chairman, Senate Redistricting Committee
316 Senate Office Building
404 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

Dear Senator Webster:

It has come to my attention that you have proposed removing Indian River County from Congressional District 15, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to your proposal.

Removing Indian River County from District 15 is in direct opposition to the residents and elected officials of this County, and it negatively changes the political composition of the district. There is sufficient population south of the border created by Representatives Weldon, Putnam and Miller to create a new Congressional District in South Florida, so there is no sound reason to remove Indian River County from District 15.

Additionally, Representative Dave Weldon has served Indian River County for the last seven years, and he knows our communities and the issues that are important to us. Since we want him to continue as our representative in Congress, and your proposed map is not in the best interest of our community, I strongly urge you to reconsider your proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas P. White".

Thomas P. White, Mayor
City of Vero Beach

TPW/sp

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OFFICE OF THE
CITY COUNCIL

December 21, 2001

Senator Jack Latvala
Chairman, Subcommittee on
Congressional Reapportionment
412 Senate Office Bldg. - 404 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Re: Congressional District 15

Dear Senator Latvala:

As an elected official in Indian River County, Florida I have grave concerns about an issue which has been brought to my attention concerning your proposal to remove Indian River County from Congressional District 15. I am writing this correspondence to express my strong opposition to your proposal.

Removing Indian River County from District 15 is in direct opposition to what I believe to be the desires of an overwhelming majority of my constituents and other residents in this county. There is sufficient population south of the border created by Representatives Weldon, Putnam and Miller to create a new Congressional District in South Florida, so there is no sound reason to remove Indian River County from District 15. Congressman Weldon has faithfully served the residents of Indian River County these past seven (7) years and he genuinely knows our concerns and which issues are of vital importance to us. I personally want Dr. Weldon to continue to represent us in the United States Congress and I feel that your proposed redistricting is not in the best interests of our community and I strongly urge you to reconsider this proposal.

Additionally, please find enclosed City of Vero Beach Resolution No. 2001-41 which was passed unanimously by our City Council on the 21st of August, 2001, expressing our desire that Indian River County remain wholly within the boundaries of Congressional District 15.

Thank you very much for your consideration on this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further assistance to you on this issue.

Very respectfully,



John R. Capra
City Councilman

JRC/cdj
Encl.

cc: Senator Daniel Webster
Senator Bill Posey
Senator Ken Pruitt
Representative Stan Mayfield
Representative Bob Allen
U.S. Congressman Dave Weldon

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Ms. Joanne C. Mohan
16 Vista Palm Lane, #240
Vero Beach, FL 32962

December 22, 2001

Senator Jack Latvala
Chairman, Subcommittee on Congressional Reapportionment
412 Senate Office Building
404 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

Dear Senator Latvala:

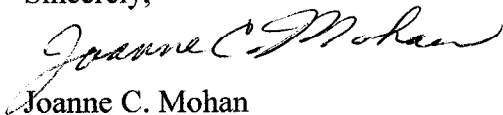
I am writing to you with regard to the proposed removing of Indian River County from Congressional District 15, and I wish to express my strong opposition to your proposal.

Reasons for my opposition of this proposal are:

- 1) It is in direct opposition to the residents and elected officials of the county;
- 2) It negatively changes the political composition of the district;
- 3) South of the border there is sufficient population created by Reps. Weldon, Putnam, and Miller to create a new Congressional district in South Florida.

Therefore, there is no sound reason to remove Indian River County from District 15. Also, Rep. Dave Weldon has served us in Indian River County for the last seven years; he knows our communities and the issues that are important to us, and I would want him to continue as our representative in Congress. Your proposed map is not in the best interest of our community, and I strongly urge you to reconsider your proposal.

Sincerely,



Joanne C. Mohan
Recording Secretary
Republican Women Aware Federated

cc: ✓ Senator Daniel Webster
Senator Bill Posey
Senator Ken Pruitt
Representative Stan Mayfield
Representative Bob Allen

-----Original Message-----

From: Philo, Sherri [mailto:SPhilo@covb.org]
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2001 11:05 AM
To: 'senateredistricting@leg.state.fl.us'
Subject: Reapportionment

December 20, 2001

Senator Jack Latvala
Chairman, Subcommittee on Congressional Reapportionment
412 Senate Office Building
404 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

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Thomas P. White, Mayor
City of Vero Beach

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From: OLGZR1227@aol.com [mailto:OLGZR1227@aol.com]

Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2001 4:11 PM

To: senateredistricting@leg.state.fl.us

Subject: fair representation districting

Presently I reside in rural Naples. My State House Rep. is up in Sebring. A wonderful man but about 115 miles away. This is truly ridiculous! I hope the politicians this time realize that Voting Districts should not be arbitrarily designed in nonsensical patterns that will only make the politician happy and not the tax-payer/voter. I would like my area to be included with Naples.

I know that sometimes it is difficult for politicians to see beyond their noses but it would be nice to see them be fair to all residents when they are drawing up the new Voting Districts.